

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and the remarks that follow are meant to impart precision to the claims, and more particularly point out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

Claims 11-25, 27-41 and 51-67 are pending in the application. Claims 11-25, 27-41 and 51-67 were rejected. Independent claims 1, 11, 21, 27, 35, and 58 have each been amended. No new matter has been added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. 103

The examiner has indicated claim 24 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The examiner further indicated, referring to claim 24, the following is a statement of reason for the indication of, allowable subject matter: the prior art fail to suggest limitations that *a plurality of communication circuits individually configured to communicate the forward link communication signal intermediate the housing and one of the communication stations.*

Each of Applicant's independent claims 1, 11, 21, 27, 35, and 58 include limitations directed to the allowable subject matter identified by the examiner, as shown in the excerpts of each claim set forth below.

a plurality of communication circuitry, with *each configured to communicate the forward link communication signal intermediate the housing and one of a plurality of communication stations* remotely located with respect to the housing . . . (Claim 1.)

a plurality of communication circuitry outside of the housing and coupled with the circuitry of the housing, *each communication circuitry respectively configured to communicate the forward link communication signal intermediate the housing and one of a plurality of communication stations* remotely located with respect to the housing . . . (Claim 11.)

a plurality of communication circuits individually configured to communicate the forward link communication signal intermediate the housing and one of the communication stations, the plurality of communication stations remotely located with respect to the housing and individually . . . (Claim 21.)

selecting at least one of a plurality of communication circuitry, using switching circuitry of the housing, to transmit the forward link communication signal from the housing to a corresponding one of a plurality of communication stations, each communication station having a separate communication range, *each of the communication circuitry configured to communicate the forward link communication signal intermediate the housing and one of the communication stations . . .* (Claim 27.)

communicating the forward link communication signal from the housing using at least one of a plurality of communication paths, *each communication path intermediate the housing and a corresponding one of the plurality of communication stations . . .* (Claim 35.)

first communicating the modulated polling signal of the first communication medium type externally of the source to one of a plurality of communication stations remotely located with respect to the source, *including using a switch of the source to select one of a plurality of communication circuits, with each communication circuit intermediate the source and a corresponding one of the plurality of communication stations. . .* (Claim 58.)

As shown above, each of Applicant's independent claims 1, 11, 21, 27, 35, and 58 include limitations directed to the allowable subject matter identified by the examiner. Therefore, each of Applicant's independent claims 1, 11, 21, 27, 35, and 58 should be allowed by the examiner.

Applicant's remaining claims each depend from one of the foregoing independent claims, and therefore include the limitations directed to the allowable subject matter identified by the examiner. As a result, Applicant's remaining claims should also be allowable.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed and that the application is now in order for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and allowance thereof is courteously solicited.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2638 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then such an extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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